**In the Claims**

1.      (Currently Amended)  An apparatus, comprising:

a port;

a storage medium coupled to and accessed by a controller, wherein the storage medium is configured to store an encrypted unique identifier of the apparatus, encrypted identity information of an individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and an encrypted log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited;

the controller, coupled to the port, configured to record in the encrypted log on the storage medium, a unique identifier corresponding to a location the apparatus and the individual have visited;

the controller configured to restrict the individual from modifying the encrypted unique identifier of the apparatus, encrypted identity information of the individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and the encrypted log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited, as stored in the storage medium; and

the controller, configured to provide, in response to a request from an authorized requestor, to provide to the authorized requestor, one or more of the unique identifier of the apparatus, identity information of the individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and the log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited.

2.      (Previously Presented)  The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the port comprises any one of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.

3.      (Currently Amended)  The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage medium comprises a flash memory.

4-9.    (Canceled)

10.     (Previously Presented)  The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the security information can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the apparatus.

11.     (Currently Amended)  A system for allowing for secure identification of an individual when accessing information, comprising:

      a central hub;

      a plurality of ~~key~~ touchpoints coupled to the central hub; and

      at least one device coupled to at least one of a plurality of ~~key~~ touchpoints, the at least one device comprising:

      a port;

      a storage medium coupled to and accessed by a controller, wherein the storage medium is configured to store an encrypted unique identifier of the apparatus, encrypted identity information of an individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and an encrypted log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited;

      the controller, coupled to the port, configured to record in the encrypted log on the storage medium, a unique identifier corresponding to a location the apparatus and the individual have visited;

      the controller configured to restrict the individual from modifying the encrypted unique identifier of the apparatus, encrypted identity information of the individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and the encrypted log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited, as stored in the storage medium; and

      the controller, configured to provide, in response to a request from an authorized requestor, ~~to provide to the authorized requestor,~~ one or more of the unique identifier of the apparatus, identity information of the individual pre-associated with the apparatus, and the log of unique identifiers of locations the apparatus and the individual have visited.

12.     (Previously Presented)  The system of claim 11 wherein the port comprises any one of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.

13.     (Currently Amended)  The system of claim 11 wherein ~~each of~~ at least one of the plurality of touchpoints comprises a personal computer.

14.     (Currently Amended)  The system of claim 11 wherein the storage medium comprises a flash memory.

15-20.  (Canceled)

21.     (Previously Presented)  The system of claim 11 wherein the security information within the at least one device can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the at least one device.

22.     (Canceled)

23.     (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the ~~key~~ touchpoint comprises any one of airports, car rentals, or banks.